

Lewes Joint Parking Board Meeting
10 March 2015
Room WH12, Westfield House, 1pm

Present:

Councillor Carl Maynard, Lead Member
 Councillor Rosalyn St Pierre
 Councillor Ian Eiloart
 Carl Valentine
 David Weeks

Geraldine Knight
 Sarah Bellinger
 Angie Williams
 Marion Marchant

Agenda point		Action
1. 1.1 1.2	Welcome Apologies and Introductions Councillor Maynard opened the meeting. Apologies were received from Councillor O’Keeffe, Councillor Howson, Steve Parish, Gillian Marston, Bee Lewis and Robert Brennan.	
2. 2.1 2.2 2.3 2.4	Review actions of previous meeting 2.1- 3.3 – DW advised that there was perhaps now no need to put a computer terminal in County Hall following the move of The parking Shop as the new location seems to have been well received. Councillor St Pierre asked if the signage to the shop could be improved to make access to the entrance clearer. DW would arrange to make a formal application for the temporary roundabout sign but did stress that this request was turned down when previously made. All other actions were completed and the notes of the previous meeting agreed.	DW
3. 3.1 3.2 3.3	Cashless parking / virtual permit update DW provided an update – take up for cashless payments is increasing with noticeably less cash going in the pay and display machines. Providing another option for people to pay for their parking was making it a lot easier and few complaints about the system have been received. Virtual resident permits roll out commenced in December and it is estimated that virtual visitor permits will go live in the next few months. DW also advised that we would still be offering paper visitor scratch card permits for those people that still required them. Councillor St Pierre said keeping the paper visitor permits would be welcomed by the guest houses and their guests as mobile phone signals are not always good and mobile phone costs are higher for overseas visitors. Councillor Eiloart asked if the machines would be updated to accept card or contactless payments. Councillor Maynard advised this would be looked into when the machines were upgraded within the next three to four years.	
4. 4.1	Blue badge action day DW presented the details of the blue badge fraud joint funding that had been obtained with Brighton and Hove City Council (BHCC) from Government. Funding is in place for 18 months and would pay for two dedicated fraud officers and action days. In the recent joint action day with the Police, ourselves and BHCC 10 badges were seized either as they had been altered, were out of date or being used fraudulently. Offenders would be offered the chance of a video course rather than court action.	

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4.2	Councillor Eiloart asked how it could be said that someone was incorrectly on DLA. DW explained that this was a note that had been made by the manager of the blue badge team and the person in question had been reported to the DWP for investigation. Civil enforcement officers would not make this judgement.	DW
4.3	Councillor Maynard said it was an example of good partnership working to try and stamp out the misuse. He requested that congratulations be passed onto all staff involved.	
5.	Operational update	
5.1	AW presented the NSL report.	
6.	AOB	DW
6.1	Councillor St Pierre asked when the budget report for the year end would be reported. DW advised that the annual report does not get published usually until October. Data for the report is gathered by all parking schemes as at 1 July to ensure consistency in reporting. Councillor Maynard advised that an interim report of the financial figures could be presented to members by the end of July.	
6.2	Councillor St Pierre mentioned the current suspension of bays for the bridge works and asked what alternate provisions had been made. DW advised of the concession in place for zone D permit holders in that they can also park in zone E and Pinwell Road car park before 10am and after 4pm. The suspension is necessary for a diversion route and the number of bays being suspended had been reduced from 74 to 20 following an alternative suggestion by NSL.	
6.3	Councillor St Pierre said that residents in Barcombe were complaining about the car park. It should be there for the cottages to use as they have nowhere else to park and the maximum stay is causing problems. DW suggested that this was a matter that should be raised with LDC as they own the car park and the decision to make any changes would have to be made by them.	
6.4	Councillor St Pierre asked what could be done when someone attends the Lead Member meeting at County Hall and receives a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) if the meeting runs over time. Councillor Maynard advised that the PCN could be appealed but that a precedent could not be set. He would be happy to agree a concession for the local member and lead petitioner, but not others attending.	
6.5	Councillor St Pierre congratulated all those involved in the monitoring of schools but said that the worst is still Lewes Old Grammar School. DW advised that he was due to be writing to the school again and would copy both Councillor O'Keeffe and Councillor St Pierre into this.	DW
7.	Date of next meeting	
7.1	Agreed to hold the meeting as early as possible in September. Interim finance report to be sent to members in July. Next meeting to be held 9 Sept 10am – 11am Room WH2, Westfield House, County Hall, Lewes	